

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

10.00am, Friday, 17 February 2017

Proposed Pedal on Parliament Parade – 22 April 2017

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Wards	City Centre (Ward 11)

Executive Summary

The City of Edinburgh Council has been notified of a parade which is proposed to take place on 22 April 2017.

The notification has been referred for the Committee's consideration on the basis that the proposed route includes the High Street. At its meeting of [17 November 2014](#), the Regulatory Committee decided that marches involving the High Street must be submitted for a Committee decision.

The Council has limited powers in respect of marches. It can take no action and the march would proceed as the organisers intend. Alternatively, it has the power to attach conditions or, under limited circumstances, to ban the marches. The Committee needs to decide whether to exercise any of these options.

1. Links

Coalition pledges	n/a
Council priorities	n/a
Single Outcome Agreement	n/a

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1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1.1 makes an order in respect of the proposed march, imposing conditions attached at Appendix 2.

2. Background

- 2.1 Under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, anyone organising a procession in Scotland must notify the appropriate local authority and the police at least 28 days prior to the date of the event.
- 2.2 The City of Edinburgh Council has been notified of intent to hold a Pedal on Parliament Parade on 22 April 2017.
- 2.3 The Council has limited powers available regarding the control of such events. These powers should only normally be exercised to prevent public disorder, risk to public safety, damage to property or excessive disruption to the life of the community. [Download the Scottish Government Guidance to local authorities on marches and parades.](#)

3. Main report

- 3.1 The notification form relevant to the proposed march is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The locations or routes proposed for this event includes the High Street. For further details please see Appendix 1.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the recommended conditions (Appendix 2) are sufficient to mitigate any disruption to the community. The Committee is asked to note that an EPOG meeting has been held and Roads Services will be putting in place the relevant TTROs to manage road closures.
- 3.4 Representatives of the event organiser will be invited to attend Committee.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 That the Council discharges its statutory duties in respect of these notifications.
- 4.2 That any parade is facilitated wherever possible and is managed in a way that minimises potential disruption to the life of the community.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.
- 5.2 Council resources may need to be deployed on the day if roads are closed.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Should the Committee decide to restrict or prohibit the processions, the person proposing to hold a procession may appeal against that decision to the Sheriff Court within 14 days of written reasons being received by them.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 In coming to a decision, the Committee will have to consider the rights of the procession organisers to stage their procession, and the Council's duty to foster good relations and ensure the protection of public order and safety. These must be discharged against the relevant statutory duties.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There may be some short term environmental impact arising from any agreed procession: the proposed routes cross public roads, though arrangements have been made to mitigate any disruption caused.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Statutory consultation has taken place regarding the event.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 Scottish Government guidance - [Review of parades and marches in Scotland \(2006\)](#)

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5 Links

Coalition Pledges	N/A
Council Priorities	N/A
Single Outcome Agreement	N/A
Appendices	Appendix 1 – Notification form Appendix 2 – Standard conditions

Appendix 2

1. The event begins at the times specified above.
2. The procession adheres to the stated routes.
3. The procession will at all times continue moving and no part will stop except for emergency purpose, on the direction of or with the agreement of the police/council officer.
4. After the procession concludes participants disperse at the specified times above.
5. Official(s) are appointed to liaise with the police/council officer and shall identify themselves to the Police Officer/Council Officer in Charge at the assembly point before the commencement of the parade/procession.
6. Sufficient stewards and marshals shall be provided by the organiser of the parade/procession. Stewards and marshals will be readily identifiable and shall be present throughout to supervise the parade/procession and to ensure that all participants comply with directions.
7. A sufficient number of suitably trained medical personnel should be in attendance. The level of attendance is to be agreed with the Council.
8. Unless prior agreement, all persons participating in the parade/procession shall not walk more than six and not less than four abreast.
9. The terms of the Public Order Act 1936 in relation to the prohibition of the wearing of uniforms signifying any association with any banned organisation etc shall be observed.
10. Unless by prior agreement, the use of any staves, wooden poles or any other item shall not be used to display or carry banners, placards, flags or posters.
11. Banners, placards, flags and posters bearing inflammatory images or words will not be displayed.
12. The conditions of Section 62 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 in relation to the use of loudspeakers shall be observed.
13. The conditions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 shall be observed insofar as making noise during the parade/procession is concerned.

14. The organiser will assist the police/council officers in ensuring that regular and appropriate passage across the parade/procession is allowed for traffic and pedestrians.
15. Any band or bands taking part in a parade/procession shall cease playing when approaching and passing any place of worship, or any other location where a recognised religious, cultural, or legal ceremony is taking place.
16. No vehicles or animals should be part of the procession unless by approval of Police Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council prior to the day of the event.
17. Any instruction given by the police or council officers are immediately complied with.